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FREEDOM RIDES TO CONTINUE THROUGH SUMMER

An extensive, summer-long program designed to wipe out segregation in all forms of interstate travel was announced by Congress of Racial Equality field director Gordon Carey in New York on June 2. "The current Freedom Rides are just beginning," Carey said. "We will expand our assault on segregated waiting room and eating facilities to include train and air terminals as well as bus stations." Earlier, FOR member Martin Luther King Jr. asserted that Freedom Rides, testing bus segregation in the Deep South, will be discontinued only when they "have aroused the conscience of the nation" and "we are sure there is no need for them." King, who made the statement in Montgomery, Ala., also urged the Interstate Commerce Commission to take a "strong stand making it clear that bus terminals in communities that fail to comply with federal laws against discrimination will have their certificates canceled."

Several prominent California churchmen including Bishop James A. Pike formed a group early this month called the "Freedom Writers" to help traveling interracial teams. The campaign will seek to obtain one million signatures on a petition supporting the Freedom Riders as well as a contribution of ten cents from each signer. The funds will be sent to Martin Luther King Jr. to help "keep the Freedom buses rolling," according to a spokesman for the group. Among the sponsors of the campaign are Rabbi Joseph Glaser and FOR members Victor Goff and Henry Lohman.

A resolution supporting the Freedom Riders was adopted on June 2 by the New York and New England United Lutheran Synod meeting in Albany, N.Y. The resolution expressed the Synod's warm support of those "who, motivated by Christian conviction, are seeking at this time through nonviolent techniques to present the demands of justice with regard to the right guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States to all men to public transportation without regard to race or color."

A Wave of Freedom Rides

"Just as the Greensboro sit-in of February 1, 1960, set off a wave of sit-ins, so has CORE's Freedom Ride of May 4-17, set off a wave of Freedom Rides. Just as the sit-ins succeeded in desegregating all phases of interstate bus travel throughout the South, so will the Freedom Rides succeed in desegregating all phases of interstate bus travel throughout the South."

James Farmer,
CORE National Director

Similar support was expressed by the Northeastern Association of Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) at its centennial convention in Syracuse, N.Y., last month. "We believe the action of the Freedom Riders," the message said, "to be an honest effort to obtain the liberties guaranteed by the Constitution."

FOR Field Work secretary Glenn E. Smiley left for Montgomery, Ala., on May 30 in an effort to arrange for a "Repentance and Reconciliation" conference" to take place there in the fall. During his visit, Smiley worked with Martin Luther King Jr., Ralph

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Freedom Rides *(cont'd)*

D. Abernathy and several Freedom Riders including former FOR Student Secretary Charles J. Jones.

Meanwhile, Yale University Chaplain William S. Coffin Jr., three white professors of religion and a Negro student were arrested on charges of "breach of the peace" last month when they asked for service at a segregated bus terminal in Montgomery. They were later freed by police after posting $1,000 bonds each. The group was among seven Freedom Riders arrested at the terminal where they were waiting to board a bus for Jackson, Miss.

Tallahassee Negroes to Fast For Lunch Counter Integration

Seventy-five Negroes and five whites in Tallahassee, Fla., last month pledged themselves to fast each Friday until lunch counter integration is accepted by local branches of Woolworth, McCrory's, Sears, Neisner's and Walgreen. The group is fasting in sympathy with a white youth, Jefferson Poland, who has conducted a hunger strike in the city since May 7 to protest segregated lunch counters there. Several leading Negro ministers in Tallahassee are leading the "fast for equality" and have signed a pledge emphasizing their commitment to nonviolence.

The Tallahassee Inter-Civic Council, CORE, and other groups are appealing to people everywhere to write to the national offices of F.W. Woolworth (Woolworth Bldg., New York, N.Y.), McCrory's (Box 1084, N.Y.), Sears Roebuck (925 S. Homan, Chicago 7, Ill.), Walgreen (4300 Peterson Ave., Chicago 7, Ill.), and Neisner Brothers (Box 70 Rochester 2, N.Y.), to protest their continued segregation of lunch counters in Tallahassee and other Southern communities.

Peace Vigil to Begin in Washington, D. C.

A silent vigil appealing for "disarmament initiatives and constructive alternatives to the arms race," will take place in front of the White House beginning July 1. The vigil is sponsored by the newly formed Peace Action Center headed by FOR member Lawrence Scott, and former director of the Vigil at Fort Detrick. It will continue daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. If enough people turn out. Special peace programs and training sessions are also being planned. Persons willing to donate time or money to the project should write to: Lawrence Scott, Peace Action Center, 2023 Kalorama Rd., N.W., Washington 9, D.C.

Peace Walkers Leave for Europe

Thirteen members of the Transatlantic Walk for Peace left New York for London last month, after walking over 4,000 miles from San Francisco. The group, which is seeking to spread the message of unilateral disarmament, hopes to journey through England, Belgium, West and East Germany, Poland and Russia. American walkers will be accompanied by selected peace workers from European countries.

Another group of pacifists left New York on June 3 on a 116-mile peace walk to New London, Conn., where they will demonstrate against Polaris missile-firing submarines. Several of the group had participated in the Transatlantic Walk for Peace. The walks are being sponsored by the Committee for Nonviolent Action.

NEWS from the peace front

A statement protesting the verdict of the Cincinnati, Ohio, Presbytery suspending FOR member Maurice F. McCrackin from his position as pastor of the Cincinnati-St. Barnabas Church, was sent to it last month by members of the minister's congregation. The statement charged the Presbytery with "error in its findings," stating that "it is a fact in the history both of our nation and our church that there is a definite separation of church and state. In our thinking a person can disobey the laws of the state and not disobey the laws of God." McCrackin was suspended on May 12 for actions resulting from his conscientious refusal to pay income taxes. He was charged, among other things, with "resisting the ordinances of God" when he ignored "civil lawful powers" summoning him for tax refusal.

Members of the congregation have also formed a committee to raise funds for the support of McCrackin.

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Dr. O. Frederick Nolde, director of the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs, last month urged the U.S. not to "resume immediately or set a deadline for resuming nuclear weapons testing" if Geneva talks fail to bring an agreement. Nolde, who made the statement in an address at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., also emphasized that the U.S. should not withdraw from the Geneva conference table and should "continue to manifest a readiness for any sound agreement where compliance with its provisions can be reasonably verified, always remembering that foolproof inspection is not possible."

Nolde stated that his views represented those of the World Council of Churches, of which the CCIA is a joint agency.

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A statement endorsing lunch counter sit-ins and other nonviolent civil rights demonstrations was issued by the North Arkansas Annual Methodist Conference meeting in Russelville, Ark., on June 6. "Great numbers of our population," the message said, "are engaged in a quest for first-class citizenship. We recognize Christian nonviolence for justified ends as being a legitimate expression of those seeking the most basic of human rights -- the right to be."

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In Germany recently, over 300 conscientious objectors began their 12-month alternate service in hospitals and mental homes. They are the first officially recognized conscientious objectors in Germany's history.

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In Dunoon, Scotland, last month, fifty Scottish constables thrust themselves at scores of nonviolent demonstrators trying to immobilize the U.S. Polaris submarine base at Holy Loch. The direct action group is part of the Direct Action Committee Against Nuclear War. Dozens of participants, protesting the presence of missile-firing submarines in the area, were pitched aside and dragged roughly by police. One 15-year-old boy was hurled head first against a concrete post. An Englishwoman was hauled face downward through the dust.

Earlier, U.S. sailors and British frogmen and policemen repulsed an attempt by anti-nuclear demonstrators to board the submarine supply ship Proteus in Holy Loch. Thirty-eight of the group, including eight women, were arrested and later released. Over 1,000 persons participated in the demonstration.

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A resolution calling for "peaceful compliance" with school desegregation was adopted unanimously by 75 Atlanta, Ga., clergymen last month. "...As Christian ministers," the statement said, "we pledge our support to all responsible community leaders who are working to create and extend an atmosphere of understanding and good will among all the people of our com-

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munity." The message also urged public discussion of the school question.

MISSING MEMBERS

If you know the whereabouts of any of these missing members, please advise the Membership Secretary, FOR, Box 271, Nyack, N. Y.

Here are the names, with last-known addresses where available: Elsa Carter (Chicago, Ill.); Keith Chidester (Stamford, Conn.); Anni P. Chittenden (Buffalo, N.Y.); Phyllis C. Choate (Wellington, Kan.); Rev. Robert M. Churchill (Cleveland, Ohio); Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Clark (Philadelphia, Pa.); Ann Louise Clarkson (Greencastle, Ind.); Dorothy L. Clawson; Edith M. Cline (Cleveland, Ohio); James W. Coble (Staten Island, N.Y.); Jean G. Cochran (Syracuse, N.Y.); Edward Cochrane (Madison, Wisc.); Rev. and Mrs. Albert B. Coe (Boston, Mass.); Glen Coffield (Prineville, Ore.); Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cole (Oscoda, Mich.); Kenneth E. Cole.

LIT NOTES

Capital Punishment by Richard M. Werkheiser and Arthur C. Barnhart, is now available. This 31-page pamphlet discusses the theological and sociological arguments against the death penalty and suggests practical courses of action for concerned Christians. Price: 35¢. Order from Fellowship Publications, Box 271, Nyack, N. Y.

Kagawa of Japan by Cyril J. Dave (150 pp., $2.50) is the long-awaite life story of the great Japanese Chris tian pacifist and socialist who die last year. Its clear, easy style make it good for high schoolers, yet it pro vides enough detail for adult interes as well. Of special interest are th chapters covering Kagawa's pacifis witness in wartime and postwar Japan This Abingdon Press book is availabl postpaid from Fellowship Publications Box 271, Nyack, N. Y.

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 23-30. AFSC Institute of Interna tional Relations at Sunnybrook Cam and Conference Grounds, Echo Lake Pa. For information write: Nick Pas ter, AFSC, 1500 Race St., Philadelphi 2, Pa.

July 1-4. FOR National Conf. at Cam Seabeck near Bremerton, Washington Registrar: Curtiss Carmean, Box 1117 Tacoma, Wash.

July 15-22. AFSC "Search for New Di rections" institute at Conference Poin Camp, Williams Bay, on Lake Geneva Wisc. Write: AFSC, 300 W. Congres Pkwy., Chicago 7, Ill.

Sept. 2-9. International FOR Youth Con ference at Agape, Prali, Turin, Italy Apply to: European Youth Committee IFOR, 3 Hendon Ave., Finchley, Lon don N. 3, England.

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